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Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Lizzie Maud, Rips.
 Sch. Hockomock, swordfishing.
 Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, haddocking.
 Sch. Arethusa, salt banking.
 Sch. Emerald, haddocking.
 Sch. Pontiac, seining.
 Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, Boston.
 Sch. Ida S. Brooks, haddocking.
 Sch. Good Luck, Rips.
 Sch. Selma, halibut.
 Sch. Constellation, seining.
 Sch. James and Esther, pollock seining.
 Sch. Belbina B. Doninigoes, haddocking.
 Sch. Mary DeCosta, haddocking.

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Today's Fish Market.

Salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50 per cwt.; medium do., \$3; snapper do., \$1.75.
 Cape North salt cod, large, \$3; mediums, \$2.75.
 Cape North fresh cod, large, \$1.55; mediums, \$1.40.
 Outside sales salt Rips cod, \$3.30 per cwt. for large, \$3.10 for mediums.
 Bank halibut, 9 cts. per lb. for white and 7 cts. per lb. for gray.
 Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.
 Large handline Georges cod, \$3.62 1-2 per cwt.; medium do., \$3.12 1-2.
 Large drift Georges cod, \$2.30 per cwt.; medium do., \$3.
 Large "halibut" cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium do., \$2.75; snappers, \$1.75.
 Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$1.65 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.40; Eastern cod, large, \$1.55; medium do., \$1.30; cusk, \$1.50; for large, \$1.10 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 60c; hake, 60c.
 Trawl bank cod, large, \$2.75 per cwt.; medium, \$2.50; snappers, \$1.50.
 Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
 Round pollock, 50c per cwt.
 Outside sales of drift salt cod, \$3.30 for large, \$2.90 for mediums.
 Salt Cape Shore mackerel, \$10.25 per bbl.

Harbor Notes.

Sloop Azorian has fitted for fresh Georges drifting under command of Capt. Newell.
 The steam yacht Malay, sch. yachts Christina and Constance and Golden Rod were in port Sunday.
 Sch. Marguerite is on Burnham's railways.
 Sch. Monarch is on Parkhurst's railways.
 Sch. Carrie F. Roberts and Richard J. Nunan are on Rocky Neck railways.

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Nova Scotia Fish Movements.

June 17—Digby—Lobsters plenty; cod, halibut and herring fair.
 Yarmouth—Cod and halibut plenty; traps report about 50 barrels mackerel.
 Port La Tour—Cod fair.
 Pubnico—Cod plentiful.
 Sand Point—Cod fair.
 Liverpool—Cod, haddock and salmon fair.
 Lunenburg—Cod fair.
 Musquodoboit—Cod plenty; mackerel fair; lobsters scarce.
 Salmon River—Cod, herring and trout fair; lobsters scarce.
 Whitehead—100 to 400 mackerel taken in nets; few herring reported.
 Canso—Cod and pollock fair; lobsters scarce.
 Petit-de-Grat—Lobsters plenty; mackerel fair.
 L'Ardoise—Herring fair.
 Gabarus—Lobsters fair; cod scarce.
 Hawkesbury—Cod and lobsters fair.
 Georgetown—Cod fair; herring and mackerel scarce.
 Alberton—Cod and mackerel fair.

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PROHIBITION OF STEAM TRAWLING. CANADIAN GOVERNMENT TO TAKE FIRST OFFICIAL STEPS.

The Canadian government is to take the first official steps seeking to prohibit steam trawling on the North Atlantic fishing grounds. The matter will be put squarely up to the home

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government, and the French government will also be consulted in the matter.

An Ottawa despatch says: "During Hon. Mr. Brodeur's mission to England next month in connection with the imperial conference on naval defence, he will endeavor to come to some arrangement with the imperial and French governments looking to the prohibition of steam trawling in the Atlantic fisheries. Canada already has prohibition of steam trawlers, but the English and French steam trawlers are increasingly coming into use in the maritime provinces and Newfoundland waters.

"Unless some mutual agreement is reached looking to the prohibition of steam trawling, it is feared that the fisheries will be seriously depleted. An evidence of the feeling against steam trawlers in Atlantic waters was given a few days ago, when the encroachment of a French trawler was resisted with rifle bullets by an American schooner."

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FLEET WILL NOW GO SOUTHWARD.

Mackerel Reported Schooling but Wild Off Block Island and No Man's Land.

One Half of Cape Shore Fleet Yet to Arrive Home.

From the Cape Shore this morning, there is only one arrival, sch. Tartar, Capt. Thomas Somers, with 200 barrels of salt mackerel. The salt mackerel buyers generally are of the opinion that although over half the fleet yet remain to arrive from the Cape Shore grounds, there are very few good fares of salt fish to come, and in consequence the market has a very firm tone, with an upward tendency.

Several of the mackerel fleet will get away today and all will go to the southward. Some fish have been reported schooling, but wild, about Block Island and No Man's Land, and it is in these waters that the fleet will now operate, but at the same time, some will take a cruise out around the South Shoal lightship and others have in mind going quite a ways off from Block Island, in hopes of striking fish there.

The fishing ground, all the way from No Man's Land down to the South Shoal lightship will not be neglected, and Menemsha Bight will not be passed by.

At the proper time, a little later, the southern edge of Georges will be visited by a few bold pioneers of the season, while a number have their eye on the early arrival of mackerel on the Rips and will go there to play touch and go with the dreaded Rose and Crown shoal.

The fish commission sch. Grampus will be with the southern fleet until the latter part of July and will make numerous cruises in all directions and try to aid the seiners in every way possible. Capt. Jerry Cook, mackerel expert on board the craft, had free rein from the Bureau of Fisheries as to the movements of the vessel, and has decided that he will stay with the southern fleet for a time and try to dig up some schools somewhere, but he also has in mind the fact that a big body of fish has gone into the Gulf of St. Lawrence and later will go down that way and make a consistent and lengthened search over that broad expanse of water, to try and find out, if possible, where mackerel go to after they go through the Gut of Canso or turn Cape St. Ann. At present, however, he will stay with the southern fleet.

Some of the vessels of the seining fleets have elegant starts for big year's works, among these being the highliner, sch. Mary E. Hart, Capt. Reuben Cameron; sch. Constellation, commanded by the big, good natured Thad Morgan; the knockabout Pontiac, Capt. Enos Nickerson, one of the fishiest men in the "all the year 'round" fisheries, and sch. Effie M. Prior, commanded by the reliable Elroy Prior, whose good record is too well known to need repeating. Capt. Cameron, one of the best that goes, has a fine lead at present, but the others are after him and the race for the blue ribbon of the seining fleet is a short and merry one.

Cape Shore Mackerel Stocks.

Sch. Effie M. Prior, Capt. Elroy Prior, stocked \$9249.91 on her out south

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and Cape Shore mackerel seining trips, the crew sharing \$215.49. Clear of the early out south trip expenses the share was \$227.44.

Sch. Monarch, Capt. John F. Vautier, stocked \$6060 as the result of her out south and Cape Shore seining trips the crew sharing \$101.

Sch. Veda M. McKown, Capt. Norman A. Ross, stocked \$5600 on her recent Cape Shore mackerel trip, the crew sharing \$110.

Sch. Constellation, Capt. Thaddens Morgan, stocked \$5400 on her recent Cape Shore seining trip, the crew sharing \$110.

Sch. Priscilla Smith, Capt. William J. Corkum, stocked \$5302.48 on her Cape Shore trip, the crew sharing \$114.89.

Sch. Ingomar, Capt. Wallace Parsons, stocked \$4800 on her Cape Shore trip, the crew sharing \$107.

Sch. Arcadia, Capt. Lemuel E. Firth, stocked \$4760 on her Cape Shore seining trip, the crew sharing \$106.50.

Sch. Indiana, Capt. Almon D. Malloch, stocked \$4800 on her recent Cape Shore trip, the crew sharing \$101.09.

Sch. Moanani, Capt. Hugh Quinlan, stocked \$3650 on her Cape Shore mackerel trip, the crew sharing \$89.40.

Mackerel Sales.

The fare of sch. Tartar sold to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co. at \$10.25 per barrel.

The fresh mackerel of sch. Effie M. Prior sold to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Co. at 12 1-2 cents each.

Seiners Here from Cape Shore.

Sch. Tartar, Capt. Thomas J. Carroll, 200 bbls. salt mackerel.

Netters at Newport.

The following netters were at Newport Sunday and Monday:

Sloop Reliance, 500 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Dixie, 1200 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Florence Mildred, 600 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Clara T., 760 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, 1100 fresh mackerel.

Sloop Maxwell, 600 fresh mackerel.

Mackerel Fleet Notes.

Liverpool, England, advices are to the effect that the mackerel fishing on the Irish coast is still pretty good.

There have been no netting arrivals at New Bedford since last Friday. The weather has been bad. The boats went out Monday, and are not expected until tomorrow.

There are now no signs of mackerel schooling off Liverpool, N. S.

A dispatch from the Times correspondent at Liverpool, N. S., states that the seiners George Parker, Marguerite Haskins and Muriel put in there for harbor Saturday evening. All were bound home. The Parker had 270 barrels of salt mackerel, and 6000 fresh mackerel, the Haskins 240 barrels salt mackerel, and 5000 fresh mackerel and the Muriel 75 barrels salt mackerel.

Schs. Hattie A. Heckman and Cynthia were at Canso, N. S., Friday.

Sch. Chltonia was reported at Whitehead, N. S., Saturday with 150 barrels of salt mackerel on board.

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Canned Lobsters for Europe.

The shipping of canned lobsters to Great Britain and Continental points, has started in earnest, and when the Furness liner Shenandoah sailed Saturday from Halifax, she took about 20,000 cases, the largest shipment so far this season. The sending of lobsters from Halifax to Europe is becoming a very important item in the fishing industry of Nova Scotia, and is every year increasing. Besides the lobsters that go to Shenandoah, a number of smaller shipments have been made on other steamers.

Portland Fish Notes.

Sch. Moses B. Lindscott has given up fishing, and will engage in coasting.

The U. S. fish commission steamer Gannet outdid herself last week, having gone into Rockland on Saturday after having completed the distribution of 15,000,000 infant lobsters in eastern waters. Two million of the little crawlers were put overboard near Monhegan, a similar number at Metinic, three million at Matinicus and eight million at Vinal Haven.

French Trawler Fined.

The captain of a Boulogne trawler was fined £10 recently at Folkstone for illegally fishing in British waters, his gear being confiscated. The trawler was caught by the gunboat Leda, which also effected the last capture of this kind eight years ago. On that occasion, the French trawler refused to stop when ordered, and a shot was fired at her, and one of the crew had his own head blown off.

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MAY BOTHER FISHERMEN.

Gun Practice Off Cape Cod Will Drive Away Mackerel.

Vessel owners and skippers, particularly those in the mackerel fishery, are not at all pleased to learn that the record target practice of the Atlantic squadron will be held in Cape Cod bay after it had been announced that this big gun practice was to be done down off the Virginia Capes. That it will bother the mackerel fishermen greatly should mackerel show up on this shore, is a well known fact.

Scientists say that fishes, with the exception of a very few species, cannot hear, and have no sense of sound. If that is so, mackerel must be one of the exceptions to the rule, for every skipper and fisherman knows that gun-firing and even thunder will drive mackerel to bottom, and it was shown out around Block Island a few seasons ago, when there was good mackerel fishing there, that the fish disappeared entirely after the fleet had been firing its big guns a few days in this same target practice.

Incidentally, the change in the naval programme will take away the chance of warships being at this port, Rockport and other places on the New England coast on July 4.

A late Washington despatch says:

"Extensive changes in the summer plans of the Atlantic fleet have tentatively been made by Rear Admiral Seaton Schroeder, commander-in-chief, according to advices received at Washington. The principal change, outside of dates, is that the record target practice will be held in Cape Cod bay, instead of off the Virginia Capes, as originally planned.

"Owing to the uncompleted repairs and alterations to the vessels of the fleet the date of rendezvous at Hampton Roads, June 17, was changed to June 25. The fleet will leave the following day for the southern drill grounds, returning to Hampton Roads on June 30, and will leave for the New England coast on July 7. This will necessitate the giving of Fourth of July liberty to the men in the vicinity of Hampton Roads, instead of at various places along the New England coast, as originally planned.

"It is now Rear Admiral Schroeder's plan to assemble the fleet in Cape Cod bay on August 5 for target practice and drill until September 1, when the fleet will go back to Hampton Roads."

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Small Codfish in Chesapeake Bay.

Genuine codfish, from four to six inches long, are occasionally being caught by fishermen on the Chesapeake Bay, says the Virginia Citizen. Their identification for some time puzzled the fishermen, few of whom had ever seen the cod just out of water. Some thought they were a new species of catfish, and used them for crabbait, etc. Only recently were they identified, and the catchers are now throwing them back into the water, as they are too little to be of any value. Inquiry developed the fact that last fall the government planted 9,000,000 young cod in the bay. That they have thrived during the winter is evidenced by the number being caught this spring. It is thought that a little later they will put to sea and disappear. Fishermen declare that at the present rate of growth they will be of value as a catch within another six or seven months at the outside.

Norway Codfishing Over.

The codfisheries in Norway may be considered practically over. The catch during last week was hampered considerably by bad weather. The following figures may be taken as the windup of the fishing season in Norway: The total quantity of codfish caught is 51,700,000, against 42,500,000 in 1908, 43,900,000 in 1907, 40,600,000 in 1906. Of this quantity, 26,200,000 fish were hung for round stockfish this season, against 15,500,000 last season. Prices for Italian round stockfish have been made by some Norwegian fish exporters, but are thought too high, considering the large quantity available.

A St. John's, N. F., report is to the effect that there is not likely to be any of last year's codfish in stock by the time the new goods are ready for shipment.

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New York Fish Export Trade Dull.

A leading New York fish exporter said to the New York Fishing Gazette on Wednesday:

"Trade is 'seasonably dull.' We have at last reached the period of the year when we may use this excuse. The few orders that come into the market are eagerly bid for, bringing prices down to the lowest figures. This applies to codfish as well as to pollock and hake.

"While the Porto Rico market has not been seriously overstocked of late, competition has kept prices down to a low figure; particularly as one consignment house down there is announcing as a fact that the spring catch of codfish is very large, and that low prices will be made by them in Porto Rico in June.

This declaration for low prices, as the exporter held, was "characteristic," as the same people are promising good results to shippers, while they are also endeavoring to hold and secure trade on the promise of cheap codfish!

Pollock, haddock and hake are not in demand at all, and some astonishingly low figures are reported.

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Fishing Facts and Fancies.

Troon, a historic little town in Ayrshire, Scotland, has been fixed upon as a port at which to develop a fishing industry to supply Glasgow and other markets.

In Japan 10 per cent. of the population are engaged in the fisheries. In India, but one per cent. are so employed, and in the most primitive manner.

The German herring fleet, which is getting ready for the season's fishing, will be increased to about 260 vessels. The increase is entirely in steam drifters, no more sailing luggers being provided. The number of men employed in the herring fishery is about 3900.

The United Kingdom fisheries, which were in April valued at £810,105, a decrease on April, 1908, of £103,474, were made up as follows: English and Welsh landings, value £645,598, decrease £68,983; Scottish, £142,659, increase £757; Irish £12,938, decrease £8583. The total value for the first four months of this year was £2,866,676, a decline from the corresponding period of last year of £252,728.

During March and April deputations of fishermen from Caithness, Sutherland, Inverness, Elgin, Kincardine, Fife, Berwick and Argyll attended the course of instruction provided by the Fishery Board for Scotland at the Marine Laboratory, Bay of Nigg, Aberdeen. The selected men were sent by the technical education committee of respective councils. The lectures deal with (a) the life histories of the more important fishes, (b) the preservation of fish, (c) the curing of herring nets.

The export of living eels from England to Germany is assuming large proportions. They are first taken to Hamburg, where they are kept for from four to six days in tanks through which flows an ample supply of well-aerated water, and are then distributed to various parts of the empire.

First Swordfish Catch.

The first swordfish of the year was received at Boston Saturday. There were three fish received, each of which weighed about 350 pounds. The fish were sold at the vessel in Newport at 25 cents a pound. One of the fish was caught by the little netter On Time and in itself was a fair day's pay for the men on board.

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Good Stocks.

Sch. John Hays Hammond, Capt. Lemuel E. Spinney, stocked \$4060 as the result of her recent halibut trip.

Sch. Mildred Robinson, Capt. Lewis Devine, stocked \$2747.67 on her Cape North salt shack trip.

Banner Cape North Stock.

Sch. Onato, Capt. J. Henry Larkin, stocked \$4028 as the result of her recent Cape North fresh and salt cod shacking trip, the crew sharing \$95.94. This is the largest stock of the season in this fishery.

Herring Bait at Grand Entry.

Westly Rankin wires the Board of Trade that he has 200 barrels of herring barreled at Grand Entry.

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FEW FARES RAISE PRICE.

First Swordfish Trip of the Season at Boston.

There are very few fares at Boston today, and consequently there is quite an improvement in prices. All interest is centered in the arrival of the first swordfisherman of the season, sch. Rose Standish, Capt. O'Neil being the lucky craft.

The vessel has 37 fish and as the price is way up, 18 cents per pound, she stands to stock in the neighborhood of \$1000, which means a handsome check for every man of her crew.

Four of the market fleet and one sloop are all that are in with ground fish, and all will come out well, as the price will help them out. Sch. Hortense has the largest trip, 25,000 pounds. Sch. Athena has 24,000 pounds and sch. Rose Dorothea 16,000 pounds.

The arrivals in detail are as follows:

Boston.

Sch. Rose Standish, 37 swordfish.

Sch. Athena, 14,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Hortense, 20,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Rose Dorothea, 6000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sloop Morning Star, 200 haddock, 900 cod, 500 pollock.

Haddock, \$2 to \$2.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$5.50; market cod, \$3.50; pollock, \$2.50; swordfish, 18c per lb.

OVER-OFFICIOUS OFFICIALS.

Objected to American Captain Paying His Crew on the Sidewalk.

Evidently some Gloucester fishermen got into trouble at North Sydney, C. B., recently, although from the following account in the Herald, of that place, it was nothing very serious and an offence that would have been overlooked in any other place but a small Provincial port.

The Herald says:

"On a charge of interfering with the police whilst in the discharge of their duties, a skipper of one of the Gloucester fleet lying at anchor in the harbor was haled into court Monday morning. The skipper was ably defended by counsel, but the usual fine of \$4 was inflicted. According to the evidence the affair had its beginning on Commercial street Saturday afternoon.

"The skipper, in acceding to a request of some of his crew, was paying the latter a portion of their wages. Chief of Police McGrath, who notified the crowd obstructing the sidewalk, did not approve of the walk being converted into a pay station and accordingly ordered the fisher folk off the grass. Reluctantly the order was obeyed, but being somewhat dubious of the officer's authority the skipper approached the chief of police and in sea parlance began a rehash of the ship lawyer.

"In a trice the skipper and chief of police were in a tussle, each securing a cod-line grip of the other's locks. Of course there could be only one result of such a combat. Mike downed his man and later with mud-besmeared visage the sea dog was trekking to prisonwards. The skipper will agree that the longer you live the more you learn—and it's costly learning, too."

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, Capt. Charles M. Forbes, will now give up pollock seining, and fit for mackerel seining.

Capt. George Hamilton of this city is in command of the steamer Alert, pollock seining on the Maine coast.

Salt Bank Cod Sale.

The fare of salt bank cod of sch. Mabel D. Hines sold to George Perkins & Son, at \$2.87½ per hundred weight, for large, and \$2.62½ for medium, a 12½ cent raise all around over Board of Trade prices.

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THREE SALT MACKEREL FARES

Two Pollockers and One Georgesman at This Port.

Fish receipts are light here today and the upward tendency of the salt mackerel market is the only feature of interest. The salt mackerel market is very firm and the signs of price advance are unmistakable.

Schs. Benjamin A. Smith and Victor are here from Boston with their salt mackerel and sch. Tartar from the Cape Shore with 200 barrels of salt mackerel.

Two small lots of pollock came in during the night. The pollock season on the Rips is about over and sch. Thomas J. Carroll came in yesterday afternoon to give it up and shift over.

Sch. Pythian is in from a salt Georges drift codfishing trip with a nice fare, 40,000 pounds.

The receipts in detail are as follows:

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, Rips, 4000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Victor, Cape Shore, via Boston, 160 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, Cape Shore, via Boston, 280 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Tartar, Cape Shore, 200 bbls. salt mackerel.

Steamer Bessie A., shore, 5000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Marchant, shore, 5000 lbs. pollock.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Arcadia, seining.

Sch. Lucania, seining.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall, seining.

Sch. Onato, salt and fresh shacking.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, haddocking.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, haddocking.

Sch. Indiana, seining.

Sch. Patriot, Rips.

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Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

Large handline Georges cod, \$3.62 1-2 per cwt.; medium do., \$3.12 1-2.

Large drift Georges cod, \$3.30 per cwt.; medium do., \$3.

Large "halibut" cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium do., \$2.75; snappers, \$1.75.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$1.65 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.40; Eastern cod, large, \$1.55; medium do., \$1.30; cusk, \$1.50; for large, \$1.10 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 60c; hake, 60c.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$2.75 per cwt.; medium, \$2.50; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Round pollock, 50c per cwt.

Outside sales of drift salt cod, \$3.30 for large, \$2.90 for mediums.

Outside sales salt bank cod, \$2.87½ per cwt. for large, and \$2.62½ for medium.

Fresh mackerel, 12 1-2 cents each.

Salt Cape Shore mackerel, \$10.25 per bbl.

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CAUGHT A STURGEON.

Capt. Short of the Joppaite of Newburyport Makes Good Haul.

Capt. George W. Short of the fishing boat Joppaite went into Newburyport Monday morning with a female sturgeon weighing 300 pounds which was caught off the bar in his net. The female sturgeon contains caviar used by the Russians which is considered a great dish and is worth \$1 a pound. There were about 70 pounds in the fish and the whole fish was shipped immediately to New York. Capt. Short will net about \$100 for it. It was a great catch and after the hard luck the captain has had his friends are much pleased over his catch.

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NO FAVORABLE MACKEREL NEWS.

Cape Shore Arrivals Report Balance of Fleet Have Small Fares.

Sch. Grampus Will Assist Southern Fleet in Hunting Fish.

Mackerel news of an encouraging nature is a very scarce article today. Nothing has been heard from the southward for several days, while the incoming crafts from the Cape Shore are bringing just fair and poor trips and report the remainder of the fleet to come, poorly fished as a whole.

The crafts here this morning from the Cape Shore are schs. Marguerite Haskins, Capt. Benjamin McGray, with 250 barrels of salt mackerel, and 5000 fresh mackerel, sch. Arthur James, Capt. Archibald Devine, with 150 barrels salt mackerel and 3000 fresh mackerel, and sch. Muriel with only 39 barrels.

It is generally believed that the catch of salt Cape Shore mackerel this season will not go over 10,000 barrels, if it indeed reaches that figure. Last season, the fleet landed 14,000 barrels.

There is now quite a fleet to the southward and the sailings of yesterday and today will increase it materially. Beyond the reports of small wild schools off Block Island, nothing has been heard from the southward for some time. With good weather, however, if there is any body of fish out there, we should soon begin to hear of good hauls made and landed at Newport or Boston.

The fresh mackerel of schs. Arthur James and Marguerite Haskins sold to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company. The price will probably be about 17 cents per fish.

Sch. Esperanto was at Ingonish, C. B., yesterday, with a good catch of salt mackerel on board. Capt. Maguire was hanging on and hoping to get a school to finish up and run fresh.

Sch. Judique was at Canso, N. S., on Saturday.

Netters at Newport.

The following netters are at Newport today:

Sch. Dixie, 1000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Marguerite S. McKenzie, 1100 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Gardner Heath, 100 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Nautilus, 400 fresh mackerel.

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THE CAPE COD CANAL.

Will Improve Facilities for Shipping
Fresh Fish to New York.

To the Editor of the Times:—The much talked-about Cape Cod ship canal became an assured fact on Tuesday, when the spade was used to lift the first dirt in this final effort to make the canal. With a sufficient financial backing, there can be little doubt of the success of the project, especially as August Belmont, who, like myself, is a descendant of the illustrious Perry family, who owned a portion of the land through which the canal will pass, has more than a financial incentive to see that the project is successful.

Ever since I knew of the layout for the canal, it has seemed to me that the canal might be of great benefit to Gloucester; it will be remembered that on the attempt to bring the fresh fish business to Gloucester, the great difficulty has been one of transportation.

While it is true that the attempt was a failure, it might be renewed under more favorable conditions. A steamer going through this canal would have little to prevent daily trips, and fresh fish could be landed in New York every morning in time for the markets, a distance of about 280 miles or 50 miles less than now and smooth water would make the expense less.

The canal will be finished in three years, and a careful consideration of this subject by our local fishing interests would perhaps result in steamboat connection with the New York markets. With a large share of the fresh fish business, Gloucester would enter again upon a period of prosperity greater than ever before; it is certainly feasible, and the subject of direct communication with New York should be thoroughly considered.

CHARLES H. MORROW.

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WILL RETURN OUT SOUTH.

Sch. Grampus Will Go to Gulf of St. Lawrence Later.

The fish commission sch. Grampus, which has been having an overhauling and fixing up here for the past 10 days, will soon fit out again, and Capt. Jerry E. Cook will continue his mackerel investigation work on her. The craft will sail the last of this week or the first of next.

Capt. Cook has decided not to go to the Gulf of St. Lawrence at present, but to put in some more time on this shore, and to the southward, with the main body of the fleet, making frequent runs off the beaten track, and try to locate schools of mackerel in localities where the fleet do not go, as well as on the grounds with which they are familiar.

Previous to coming home this time, Capt. Cook was convinced that the Grampus could be of more service to the fleet in this locality and to the southward, by staying with them for a while longer, than by starting off immediately for the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and it was pleasing for him to learn that the majority of the vessel

owners and skippers concurred with him in this view of the situation.

Accordingly, the Grampus will stay in these waters until the end of July, and then will probably take up the gulf of St. Lawrence and Labrador and Newfoundland coasts trip.

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THREE CAPE SHORE SEINERS.

Only Arrivals at This Port Since Yesterday Noon.

There are three of the Cape Shore seining fleet here this morning, and they comprise the sum total of all the arrivals at this port since yesterday noon. The captains report that the vessels to come are with but few exceptions, poorly fished.

Things about the harbor have a dull look this morning, and outside of a number of vessels sailing for the fishing grounds and the two seiners taking out at the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company's wharf, there is little sign of hustle or hurry.

The receipts in detail are as follows:

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Arthur James, Cape Shore, 150 bbls. salt mackerel, 3000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Muriel, Cape Shore, 39 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, Cape Shore, 250 bbls. salt mackerel, 5000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. John Hays Hammond, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Oriole, seining.

Sch. Ralph Russell, Rips.

Sch. Mina Swim, Rips.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, haddocking.

Sch. Evelyn L. Thompson, seining.

Sch. Veda M. McKown, seining.

Sch. Moanham, seining.

Sch. Corona, shacking.

Sch. Atalanta, halibuting.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, seining.

Sch. Ingomar, seining.

Sch. Mary Emerson, swordfishing.

Sch. Norman Fisher, Rips.

Sch. Edward A. Rich, Rips.

Sch. Monarch, seining.

Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, Boston.

Today's Fish Market.

Cape North salt cod, large, \$3; mediums, \$2.75.

Cape North fresh cod, large, \$1.55; mediums, \$1.40.

Outside sales salt Rips cod, \$3.40 per cwt. for large; \$3.10 for mediums.

Outside sales trawl bank salt cod, large, \$2.87½; mediums, \$2.62½; snappers, \$1.50.

Bank halibut, 9c per pound for white and 7c per pound for gray.

Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

Large handline Georges cod, \$3.62½ per cwt.; medium do., \$3.12½; snappers, \$1.75.

Large drift Georges cod, \$3.30 per cwt.; medium do., \$3.

Large "halibut" cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium do., \$2.75; snappers, \$1.75.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$1.65 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.40; Eastern cod, large, \$1.55; medium do., \$1.30; cusk, \$1.50; for large, \$1.10 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 60c; hake, 60c.